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STUDENT SENATE

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A BILL

TO CREATE A LIVE DATABASE FOR THE PURPOSES OF VOTING IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, THERE IS A DESIRE TO MAKE VOTING IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE FOR VOTERS, THEREBY POTENTIALLY INCREASING VOTER TURNOUT, AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, THE TECHNOLOGY EXISTS AND IS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION BY THE OFFICE OF COMPUTING SERVICES (OCS) TO ALLOW FOR A UNIVERSAL NETWORKED LIVE DATABASE WHICH WILL LET VOTERS FROM ANY COLLEGE VOTE AT ANY OF THE EIGHT (8) POLLING PLACES ON CAMPUS, AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, CHANGES TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE MUST BE MADE TO ALLOW FOR SUCH A PROCESS TO TAKE PLACE AND, IF NECESSARY, FOR THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE ABSENCE/IMPOSSIBILITY OF THE MEANS OR EQUIPMENT FOR A LIVE DATABASE SYSTEM.

PARAGRAPH 4: THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES SHALL BE MADE TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE:

ARTICLE II, SECTION 2, SUBSECTION H SHALL BE ADDED WHICH READS:

H. TO MEET WITH THE DIRECTOR OR APPOINTEE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF COMPUTING SERVICES (OCS) WITH THE LIST OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS COLLECTED IN SUBSECTION G, SO AS TO FORM A VOTING DATABASE TO BE UPDATED EVERY SEMESTER.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 3 SHALL BE ADDED, AND THE SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS RENUMBERED ACCORDINGLY, WHICH READS:

SECTION 3 COMMISSIONER; LIVE DATABASE AND THE OFFICE OF COMPUTING SERVICES (OCS)

A. A VOTING DATABASE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED, WHICH SERVES AS A POOL TO CONNECT ALL POLLING LOCATIONS, AND REMOVE A STUDENT'S NAME FROM THE

ELIGIBLE VOTER LISTS AFTER HE/SHE VOTES AT ANY OF THE POLLING LOCATIONS.

- B. THE OFFICE OF COMPUTING SERVICES (OCS) SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUFFICIENT TO OPERATE THIS DATABASE ON ELECTION DAYS, AND PROVIDE NECESSARY HARDWARE TO HOLD ELECTIONS USING LIVE DATABASE VOTING.
- C. IN THE EVENT OF TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, LACK OF NECESSARY RESOURCES, ETC. WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT LIVE DATABASE VOTING, THE METHOD OF ELECTIONS WILL REVERT TO COLLEGE-BASED POLLING LOCATIONS AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1, SUBSECTION B OF THIS ELECTION CODE.

ARTICLE III, SECTION 3, SUBSECTION A, NUMBER 3 SHALL BE ADDED, WHICH READS:

- 3. MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE DIRECTOR OR HIS/HER APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF COMPUTING SERVICES (OCS), TO ENSURE ALL STEPS ARE TAKEN TO PROCURE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION, EQUIPMENT AND STAFF TO RUN THE LIVE DATABASE.

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 SHALL BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 POLLING LOCATIONS

- A. EIGHT (8) POLLING LOCATIONS SHALL BE SET UP FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTIONS, AND LIVE DATABASE VOTING SHALL BE EMPLOYED AT EACH:
 - 1. NORTH END OF THE QUADRANGLE
 - 2. NEW DESIGN BUILDING
 - 3. CEBA
 - 4. VET SCHOOL
 - 5. CHOPIN HALL
 - 6. TUREAUD HALL
 - 7. JOURNALISM BUILDING
 - 8. M&DA BUILDING
- B. IN THE EVENT THAT LIVE DATABASE VOTING CAN NOT BE UTILIZED, VOTING SHALL BE ARRANGED BY COLLEGE AS FOLLOWS:
 - 1. NORTH END OF THE QUADRANGLE – ARTS AND SCIENCES, GRADUATE SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE FOR FRESHMAN YEAR, AND EDUCATION

2. NEW DESIGN BUILDING – DESIGN AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE FOR ADVISING AND COUNSELING
3. CEBA – BUSINESS AND ENGINEERING
4. VET SCHOOL – VET SCHOOL
5. CHOPIN HALL – BASIC SCIENCES
6. TUREAUD HALL – AGRICULTURE
7. JOURNALISM BUILDING – MASS COMMUNICATIONS
8. M&DA BUILDING – MUSIC AND DRAMATIC ARTS

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 5. PROCEDURE FOR VALIDATING ELIGIBLE VOTERS

- A. THE BOARD SHALL OBTAIN A LIST OF ALL STUDENTS QUALIFIED TO VOTE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A LIVE DATABASE OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS, DIVIDED ACCORDING TO THE ACADEMIC AREAS LISTED IN SECTION 1, SUBSECTION B OF THIS ARTICLE. ONCE A STUDENT VOTES, HIS/HER NAME SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE LIVE DATABASE OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS. ALL POLLING LOCATIONS WILL BE NETWORKED. EACH ELIGIBLE STUDENT'S NAME SHALL APPEAR ONLY ONCE IN THE DATABASE, SO THAT THEY MAY VOTE ONLY ONCE AT ANY OF THE EIGHT (8) POLLING LOCATIONS.
- B. IN THE EVENT OF TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH LIVE DATABASE VOTING, THE LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS SHALL BE DIVIDED SO THAT EACH POLLING PLACE HAS ONLY THE ACADEMIC AREAS THAT WILL VOTE AT THAT POLLING LOCATION, AS LISTED IN SECTION 1, SUBSECTION B OF THIS ARTICLE. ONCE A STUDENT VOTES, HIS/HER NAME SHALL BE CROSSED THROUGH ON THE LIST SO THAT HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO VOTE AGAIN. EACH ELIGIBLE STUDENT'S NAME SHALL APPEAR ON ONLY ONE (1) LIST.

PARAGRAPH 5: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER TWO (2) SEMESTERS, NOT INCLUDING THE SUMMER SEMESTER, UPON PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE LSU A&M STUDENT SENATE.

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